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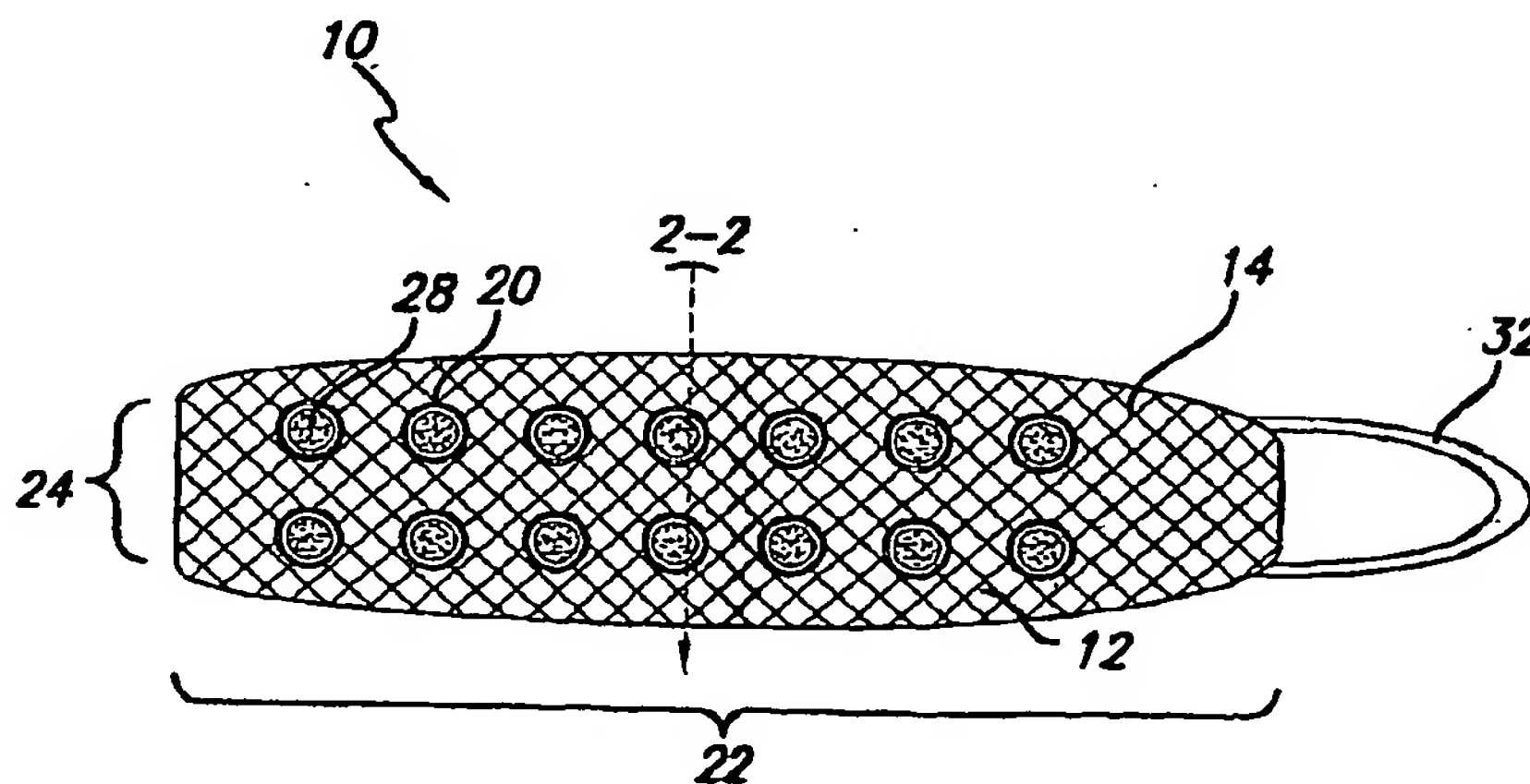
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(57) Abstract: A device for collecting and preserving nucleic acids in a sample, the device comprising: a) a support; b) one or more than one sample zone in the support for loading the sample onto the device; and c) a composition comprising i) one or more than one absorbent, and ii) one or more than one stabilizer; where the one or more than one sample zone on the support comprises a recess or space within the support extending from the top surface toward, but not through, the bottom surface, or comprises a space within the support and the composition is retained within the sample zone. A method for collecting and preserving nucleic acids in a sample, the method comprising a) providing a device for collecting and preserving nucleic acids in a sample according to the present invention; b) providing a sample potentially comprising one or more than one nucleic acid; and c) applying part or all of the sample to one or more than one of the sample zones on the device. A method of detecting and quantifying nucleic acids in a sample, the method comprising a) collecting and preserving nucleic acids in the sample according to a method of the present invention; b) removing the absorbent with sample from the sample zones of the device; and c) detecting, or detecting and quantifying the nucleic acids.



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